

City of Asheville  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
Application Form

**APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND SEVERAL MEETINGS OF A BOARD PRIOR TO APPLYING AND/OR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD**

Name of board or commission(s): City Council

Your name: Claude Jeffery Chandler Home Phone #: (705) 702-8786

Street address: 9 Tryon Street City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: None\* (current applicant for Buncombe Co. Health Dept. ; Nature Conservancy)

Your position: \* Director / Office Manager Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Caucasian\* Sex M \* Age 33 \*

Are you a United States Citizen (circle one)?  Yes or No

Residence location (check one): Central \_\_\_\_\_ North \_\_\_\_\_ South \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_ West

How did you become aware of the opening? \_\_\_\_\_ Webpage \_\_\_\_\_ Current Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ eNews  
\_\_\_\_\_ Government Channel  Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving (use additional sheets if necessary). Expertise:  Legal  Technical  Fundraising  Community Contacts  
\_\_\_\_\_ Business Management (Financial)  Business Management (Operational)  Public Speaking

Bachelor of Science Public Affairs with Environmental Policy Concentration,  
Graduate Certificate Environmental Affairs, Institute for  
Innovative Leadership Member, worked in Environmental Affairs Dept.,  
Wastewater / Stormwater Utility and Health Department  
I am driven to serve the public with honesty and integrity  
and solve problems in the community through partnerships.

Return to:  
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Date: 11/26/2008

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\* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.

# Claude Chandler

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## Education

### **B.S. Public Affairs** Environmental Policy Concentration

Indiana University May 2004

Noteworthy coursework: environmental dispute mediation, GIS, finance and budgets, environmental law, environmental health, statistics and public management

### **Graduate Certificate Environmental Affairs**

Indiana University August 2006

Independent research: B.E.A.C.H Act, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), Non-profit study and Great Lakes Commission Coastal Connections 2006

### **Institute for Innovative Leadership** Inducted January 2003

Two semester leadership development program for exemplary students

## Work Experience

December 2007—November 2008

### **Environmental Health Specialist**

Delaware County Health Department (DCHD)

Implemented state and local health laws and ordinances, DCHD representative at CFO/CAFO hearings, DCHD representative on the City of Muncie Brownfields Steering Committee, member of Pandemic Flu and Preparedness Group, National Certified Pool Operator (CPO), State Certified Pesticide Applicator and National Incident Management System (NIMS) training

August 2005—November 2006

### **MS4 Technician**

Town of Chesterton

Implemented federal and state stormwater rules, maintained compliance and served as Town representative on Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) **Environmental Management and Policy Committee** and MS4 Advisory Workgroup

April 2002—April 2004

### **Project Assistant**

City of Gary Environmental Affairs Department

Assisted with the management of environmental projects and built partnerships with city, state and federal departments and the community at large

## Awards

City of Gary, **Outstanding Service Award**

Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs/Administration

Institute for Innovative Leadership, **Skill Building Award**

Indiana University, (2) Certificates of Appreciation for Student Service

## Volunteer/Service

Muncie Young Professionals Group 2008

Save the Dunes Council, **Board of Directors** and (3) committees 2005—2007

Hoosiers for Higher Education 2002—present

**President**, Student Environmental Committee 2001—2004

Indiana University Volunteer Student Board 1996—1998

## References

Available upon request

1. What motivates you to apply for this position?

I have consistently served the public in order to improve the quality of life for citizens. I consider myself a proven and pragmatic leader with a strong work ethic. I believe in responsible, honest and accountable government. The public deserves a City Council that responds to their needs and concerns. I am a team player and want to build on the accomplishments with the current City Council members. The City of Asheville is a model of what it takes to be a sustainable and prosperous community. I look forward to bolstering our strengths and improving our weaknesses. There are many challenges ahead and that motivates me to strive for success.

2. Where do you fall on the conservative-liberal spectrum in terms of fiscal and social policy?

Wise use of public resources is an integral aspect to responsible governing. I consider myself more conservative in relation to fiscal policy, however I realize there are needs in the community that require financial support.

In regards to social policy, I support programs and policies that are implemented with mechanisms to determine efficiency and success. I would be careful to support policy that does not have realistic or measurable goals.

3. In your eyes, what should be the top 2 or 3 priorities our City Council should be focused on in the upcoming year and why?

I had determined the top 2 or 3 priorities I had in mind before interviewing people in public. Ironically, their responses matched mine almost identically.

Sustainable development, affordable living and economic enhancement. These priorities are interrelated and are having a significant impact on the City of Asheville. A community approach is necessary and I look forward to working with others.

4. What do you consider the most crucial problem, need, or cause for the citizens of Asheville? How would you approach its resolution or champion the cause?



I would approach its resolution by forming strategic partnerships, listening to concerns and implementing achievable goals. I would work and volunteer to the best of my ability.

5. 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years will be financially tough for the City. What will be your top funding priorities and what would you like to see reduced to balance the budget?

Top funding priorities are public safety, energy efficiency and health.

To balance the budget, I propose restricting travel and training to a minimum and eliminating duplicated programs and services.

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